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FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 3562

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: NNUC, UNGA, LI

SUBJECT: "NEUTRON BOMB" BRIEFING OF GOL OFFICIALS

REF: STATE 110723

1. USING ARGUMENTS DRAWN FROM THE REFTEL, THE AMBASSADOR  
BRIEFED PRESIDENT TOLBERT MAY 13 AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER,  
C. CECIL DENNIS, JR., MAY 15 ON THE U.S. POSITION WITH  
REGARD TO THE ENHANCED RADIATION BOMB. BOTH WERE RECEPTIVE, THE  
FOREIGN MINISTER NOTING THAT ALL WEAPONS KILL AND FROM  
THAT POINT OF VIEW THERE WAS NOTHING NECESSARILY MORE  
HEINOUS ABOUT ONE THAN ANOTHER.

2. WHAT BLOC ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE NEUTRON BOMB THERE  
HAVE BEEN IN MONROVIA APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CAREFUL AND LOW-  
KEY. ONE EVIDENCE WE HAVE SEEN OF THIS ACTIVITY IS THE  
PRESENCE IN A PRIVATE OFFICE AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE  
RULING TRUE WHIG PARTY OF MULTIPLE COPIES OF A WELL DONE  
BOOKLET ATTACKING THE BOMB. THE BOOKLET WAS  
PUBLISHED BY THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL IN HELSINKI. SOVIET  
ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE BOMB HAVE ALSO GOTTEN THROUGH TO  
THE MORE LEFTIST OF THE STUDENT GENERATION. A STATEMENT  
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APRIL 3 ENTITLED "WE OPPOSE THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT CARTER"  
CONDEMNED THE NEUTRON BOMB AS "THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE  
WEAPON THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN" AND CALLED FOR ITS  
BANNING.

3. COMMENT: IN GENERAL, LIBERIANS ACCEPT THAT THEIR

SECURITY INTERESTS ARE TIED TO OUR OWN AND MUST BE  
RELATED TO THE MILITARY BALANCE IN EUROPE. FOR THAT  
REASON, WE CAN EXPECT RECEPTIVITY TO OUR VIEWPOINT ON  
THE NEUTRON BOMB FROM MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE LIBERIANS.  
CARTER

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